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FOUR GREAT POWERS OF EUROPE ENGAGED IN ACTUAL WARFARE

Luxemburg Station Seized.

ambon, had left the German capital

Statement by French Embassy.

was unable to answer the question put by the British ambassador at Berlin

guaranteed by Great Britain, and she is bound to protect Belgium for ner

own safety, as Belgium under German rule would be a never-ending menace

Two Germans Slightly Wounded.

French Aviator Dropping Bombs.

and other princes.

Later in the afternoon Dr. Von
Bethmann-Holweg, the imperial chancellor, drove to the imperial palace.

schen, near Eydtkuhnen, where it de-stroyed the local postoffice. The enemy, according to this intelli-

gence, crossed the border at several points.

WAR SITUATION IN

INVASION OF GERMANY.

RUSSIA HAS BEGUN

German Troops Have Invaded France and Russian term her conduct to treaty obliga-Forces Have Crossed German Border

NAVAL BATTLE REPORTED IN THE NORTH SEA

Germany and France Have Not Formally Declared War, So Far as Known-Each Seeking to Throw Responsibility on the Other-Difficult to See How Great Britain Can Avoid Being Drawn Into Conflict to Protect Belgian and Dutch Neutrality-British Government in Readiness to Meet any Emergency-French Airships in Operation Over the Rhine-One Fired Upon and Brought to Earth-Montenegro Mobilizing to Assist Servia.

London, Aug. 2.-Four great powers tegrity and independence were guaranof Europe-Austria-Hungary, Russia, France and Germany-are now engaged in actual warfare, but 'the extraordinary position obtains that two of them, Germany and France, have not declared war against each other so far as is known, but not even severed diplomatic relations and this despite the fact that Gernany's ultimatum to France has either

ten ignored or rejected. The explanation of this would appear The explanation of this would appear to be that Germany and France are each seeking to throw upon the other the onerus of beginning the war. In fact, while the nations of Europe are flying at each other's throats, they are vieing with each other in protesting their desire to mulntain peace, and they repudiate the responsibility for plunging the whole continent into bloodshed

France Has Strongest Justification. In this curious situation, France, according to British opinion, has the strongest justification. She certainly was the last to mobilize and seems to have taken the greatest precautions to avoid frontier collisions.

On the other hand Germany, in addition to invading Prench territory without making a formal declaration of war, has violated the neutrality of Laxemours and declines to give any Luxemburg, and declines to give any undertaking to respect Belgian neu-

Efforts of Ambassador Wasted.

quith's official announcement in parliament is awaited with intense auxlety the British pub'le being no longer under any illusions as to the gravity
of the crisis which transciends anything in their experience.

The least observant man in London today could not fail to be impressed with the fact that something
tremendous was happening. Short of
actual formal mobilization, the British
government is taking all necessary
steps to meet a situation unprecedented in the nation's history.

News of the progress of hostilities
is vague and conflicting, owing to severe censorship everywhere imposed.
It is a leged that the Germans poured
106,000 men into Luxemourg who will
concentrate on the French frontier.

Actual German invasion of France occurred at Naicy and Longwy waile
a battle is reported to have taken
place at Naicy.

News from German Frontier.

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From the Russo-German frontier come reports that Russlans invaded Germany near Schwennen. Servin, the original cause of the upheaval, reems to have occur almost lost sight of. The Austrians according to reports from Nicht have distrible case of coverations. Berlin, Aug. 2.—Russia has begun the invasion of German territory, Rus-sian forces having crossed the Ger-man frontier at Schwinden, southeast of Bialia, while last night a Russian NLh have cirtually ceased operations against Servia in order to meet the greater danger in Russia.

GERMAN FORCES HAVE CROSSED FRENCH BORDER

rection of Paris. London, Aug. 2.—German forces to-day began the invasion of France, without, so far as known, a declaration of war having been made, Two Ger-man detachments entered French ter-ritory, moving in the direction of Pars.

Germans Cross French Frontier.

One German force crossed the Fronch frontier near the cillage of Circy, between Nancy and Strassburg, and another German detachment, probably the Twenty-ninth infantry, last night invaded the grand duchy of Luxemburg, neutral territory between Reigium and Germany, and continued its march to the French fortified town of Longway. A despatch from Brussels said there was good reason to believe that this force later in the day enered France. The German force which came into France near Circy, which is 49 miles from Nancy, is reported to have been repulsed with heavy losses, but this has not yet been confirmed.

Duplicating Former Manceuvre. Germans Cross French Frontier. A French aviator has been dropping bombs from an aeroplane in the neighborhood of Nuremberg, Bavaria. according to an announcement made by the military authorities today. In making this announcement the author-tites added that this action was a crime against the rights of man, as there has been no declaration of war. Emperor William came to Berlin this afternoon from Potsdam. He traveled in an open automebile and was greeted on the streets of the capital by tumultuous cheering.

His majesty was followed in other automobiles by the crown prince, Prince Henry of Bavaria, his brother, and other princes.

2, 1879, 44 years ago today, that the French and Germans clashed in the first battle of that war at Saarbrucken, where the prince imperial junder the

Germany Taking Every Advantage. It would appear today that Germany is taking the fullest possible advantage of her supposed superiority in raised mobilization over France. The plan of the German emperor, according to military observers here, is to vanguish or attempt to vanguish France in the interval before Russia will be able to create serious trouble on her northern frontier. It is supposed Russian mobilization will take them three years.

This statement is interpreted differently here. According to the opinion of some it means the neutrality of Italy, while others believe Italy will participate in the conflict only in case the central powers suffer a reverse.

Meanwhile all prefects in the kingiam have warned the press not to

ublish any military news of move ents of troops.
The warships of the kingdom are under the same penalty as in the Italo-Furkish war. Apprehension is felt at the lack of coal, owing to Italy's supbeing entirely English. Efforts being made to obtain American

NEW YORK YACHT CLUB

MAY CALL CRUISE OFF Business Interests Will Demand At tention of Members.

New London, Conn., Aug. 2.—Besides the cancellation of the races for the America's cup, the war situation threatens to bring the annual cruise of the New York Yacht club to an abrupt halt tomorrow. The question of calling the cruise off at once was brought up today but the captains of brought up today, but the captains of the fleet after a conference decided to go on tomorrow, while another meet-ing will be held at Newport. If it is decided that the war seriously threat-ens the business interests of the capon the Belgium frontier, 40 miles north northwest of Metz in Germany. tains the cruise will be called off for the first time in the history of the New York Yacht club. War compelled the A train full of German soldiers ar-

A train full of German soldiers arrived at the station at Luxemburg during the night. The troops seized the station at Luxemburg during the night. The troops seized the station and the bridges on the Traves and Trois Vierges line in order to insure the regular passage of military trains across the grand duchy. After these selzures the soldiers proceeded to the barracks.

York Yacht club. War compelled the cancellation of the entire cruise in 1888.

Commodore Dallas P. Pratt would not comment on the advices from abroad that Sir Thomas Lipton had decided not to race for the America's cup this year if his country became involved in the war. The cup committee, he said, had received no official communications from Sir Thomas arracks.

Cial communications from Sir Thomas.

The majority of the Luxemburg voluniteers protested against the violation of neutrality, but in reply the Germans asserted that the rallway belongs to them and that they have the right to do what they like in Luxemburg.

20,000 German Troops on French Soil. WARLIKE ACTIVITIES

According to an evening newspaper published at Liege 20,000 German troops crossed the French frontier this morning near Nancy.

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Tokio, Aug. 2.—The western shores of the Pacific today showed active preparations for war. The British They encountered French forces and were repulsed with heavy losses. This news, however, lacks confirmation.

A telephone despatch from Brussels today said it was reported there that German had declared war on France and that the French ambassador, Jules Comman had left the German capital Asiatic fleet is concentrating at Hong Kong, and the German warships in Asiatic waters are making their way to Tsing-Tau. The warships of Japan are making every preparation for pos-sible eventualities and are ready to sail at a moment's notice. The Japan-

The French embassy today issued the following statement:

"French territory has been invaded at Circy, and German troops are marching on the fort at Circy. This act has been committed without a declaration of war. The German amdeclaration of war. The transportation of freight be-tween Japan and Siberia and Europe has stopped. Efforts are being made to secure the vessels of neutral coun-tries to move cargoes destined for Eucassador is at present in Paris,"
Germany declared today that she

rope. All insurance is at war rates.

as to whether she is prepared to respect the neutrality of Belgium.
This statement appeared in a communication issued by the French em-TO LEAD ALPINE RIFLEMEN Neutrality of Belgium Guaranteed. Says His High Office Would Prevent The neutrality of Belgium has been

Him Leading His Company. Paris, Aug. 2.—President Poincaire in talking to a friend today said his only regret was that his high office would prevent him from leading his company of Alpine riflemen in case France became engaged in war.

Andre Magino, a member of the chamber of deputies, has taken his place as a private in a regiment sta-tioned at Par-Le-Duc, which is in his constituency. M. Magino was forconstituency. M. Magino was for-merly under-secretary of state for war and as such he had a seat in the cab-inet. He is one of a large number of members of the cabinet who have de-clined to avail themselves of the eight day legal delay in obeying the order of mobilization.

of Bialia, while last night a Russian patrol entered Germany near Eichenreid, in Posen. The Russian column which crossed the frontier at Schwinden was accompanied by artillery.

Two squadrons of Russian cossacks are riding in the direction of Johannesburg, in East Prussia, 15 miles from the frontier.

The Russian patrol which entered near Eichenreid attacked the German Organization Begun in Paris: begun in Paris of battalions of foreign volunteers, notably Beigians, Slavs and Syrians. Several hundred Italians last night paraded through the downtown section carrying Italian and French flags and shouting "down with Ger-many" and "long live France."

The Russian patrol which entered near Eichenreid attacked the German guard at the railroad bridge over the Warthe. The attack was repulsed. Two Germans were slightly wounded The above information was given out by the imperial staff. The staff at the same time said that the invasion near Schwinder showed that war had actually begun. Fateful Order of Mobilization, The fateful order of mobilization consisted of only seventeen words and read as follows:

"Ministry of War. Order of general mobilization. Extreme urgency. First day of mobilization, Sunday, August 2"

The words were written in a large hand and appeared on sheets of white paper about eight by twelve inches. These posters appear to have been manifolded by a duplicating machine and not printed.

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From all parts of France news was received in the capital today that the order for mobilization had been received in the capital today that the order for mobilization had been re-ceived with feelings of great relief. It

put an end to the strain and the un-certainty of the last few days. Torchlight Processions. There were manifestations throughout the night in almost all of the pro-

vincial towns and cities. The people took part in torchlight processions and the crowds joined in singing "Le Depart De L'Armee"

There has been formed in Paris a committee of influential Americans who either reside in France or who Destroys Postoffice.

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in Paris.

The embassy and the effice of the consul general remained open all day today. Volunteers are helping the overworked embassy and consuler staffs in their endeavor to confer with and as-

Cabled Paragragphs Deep Indignation Penny Bank Closed. London, Aug. 2.—The national penny bank, an institution with many branches where small deposits are received, was closed Saturday. **Caused** in France

\$500,000 for Red Cross Service. Y GERMAN METHODS IN BEGIN Moscow, Aug. 2.—The municipal council has voted a million roubles (about \$500,000) for the Red Cross ser-vice of Russia and friendly powers. NING THE WAR

German Reserves in China, Shanghai, Aug. 2.—German reserves throughout China are proceeding with all haste to Tsing-Tau, the fortified port in the Germany territory of Kiao-Chau.

Prince Oscar Married.

Berlin, Aug. 2.—Prince Oscar, fifth son of Emperor William, was married Friday night to Counters Ina Bassewitz, daughter of Count Bassewitz Le-vetzow. The bride assumed the title of Countess von Ruppin. The official celebration of the marriage has been set for September.

PLANS TO FORTIFY THE AMERICAN BANKING SYSTEM National Banks of the Country Car

Obtain \$500,000,00 in Currency. Washington, Aug. 2.—The vast ma-chinery of the federal government was turned today toward the perfection of plans to fortify the American banking system so that the nation's share in the financial burden of European war will be distributed on many shoulders and its direct effects minimized. Conferences at the White House and treasury department, at which the foreign and domestic aspects of the situation were discussed, culminated

late today in the departure for New York of Secretary McAdoo and Comp-troller of the Currency Williams. These two men have all the government au-thority to put in operation the plan which congress designed years ago for such situations as the present, by which the national banks of the coun-try can obtain \$500,000,000 in currency ier the Aldrich-Vreeland act, n official circles here the feeling evident that any unusual strain be manifest first in New York, both the president and Mr. Mc-Adoo were anxious that the highest financial authority be on

Before Mr. McAdoo left Washington the treasury shipped out about \$100, 000,000 of the Aldrich-Vreeland curency, which will be in the vaults of the sub-treasury tomorrow ready for the New York banks.

There has been no call from outside New York for Aldrich-Vreeland cur-rency, and it was not believed here to-night that other banks would make such calls. The treasury is stocked with many millions more of bills ready for instant shipment. The very fact that this vast sum is here is expected to have a reassuring effect throughout

the country.

Another factor which officials think may help to aliay uneasiness is that deposit of \$34,000,000 by the treasury in national banks in the farming sections of the country to be used in modified country. moving crops. Distributed through a large section of the country, it will aid the banks in meeting the usual nand for money for the crop i

SEVERAL HOSTILE AIRCRAFT IN RHINE PROVINCES. German Troops Fire Upon and Bring One to Earth.

burden.

day fired upon and brought to earth a French flying machine near Wesel. Saturday night several other hostile aircraft were seen in the Rhine provinces, one was observed flying from Keprich in the direction of Andernach, ten miles northwest of Coblenz. Others

were sighted near Dueree flying in the direction of Cologne.

Last night a hotel keeper in Kochem and his son tried to blow up the Prussian station railroad tunnel at Ko-Prussian station railroad tunnel at Kochem. Their attempt failed and the men were shot and killed.

Wesel, where the aeroplane was shot down is about 149 miles from the northeastern frontier of France.

While a train was crossing a bridge at Thorn today, a passenger tried to throw a bomb from the window of a coach probably with the hope of destroying the bridge. He was are

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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPEAN WAR

Germany has commenced inva-sion of France, without so far as known, a declaration of war having been made. Several small engage-ments along the border have been reported, in which it is said the Germans lost. A German army of 190,000 is concentrating on French border near liers.

border near liege. A Russian column, with artillery has crossed the German frontier. Two squadrons of Russian cossasks

re riding in the direction of East The London News of the World reports a sea battle in the North Sea, presumably between German

England prepares for general mo-bilization, and all army and navy reservists in the United States have been called.

Further indications received of italy's neutrality. Russian army in far east order ered mobilized. Reported seizure of two English ships by Germans,

French aviator, reported, to, be corted to be dropping bombs in Ba

Plans are being made to trans-port war-bound American tourists in Europe back to United States. United States will issue several

to New York ready for call of

Luxemberg is now in possession of the German forces despite protest. Berlin claims that the ownership of the railroads there gives her the right of occupation,

The British cabinet was in ses-sion all day, and at its conclusion definite war action is expected to be announced.

The German ambassador to Great Britain sought and obtained an in-terview with Premier Assuith to-day, in some quarters this is thought to portend to a possible move for peace.

Snow fell in Maryland. President Wilson has signed the

The army wor mis causing damage Adjournment of Congress is predicted for September 1.

Kentucky voters will cast their first callot today for United States sena-PIRACY

All Possible Measures Being Taken Ensure That Paris Will Not Lack for Food-Severe Regulations Agains Increasing the Prices of the Necessi

Paris, Aug. 2.—The deep indignation caused in France by German methods in beginning the war is certified by the emps, which says:
"Up to the last moment the French

WAR OF

"Up to the last moment the French and Russian governments had given Germany credit for acting in good faith; there is now no longer doubt that it is in ambush. Russians, Frenchmen and Englishmen must stand united against the powers of brigandage who have just been un-

nasked.
"The British government yesterday informed the German ambassador that England could not remain neutral. We did not desire this war, but since it was forced upon us, with good heart we will wage it. For ferty years Ger-many has prowled around us, with the constant idea of striking a blow with minimum risk, but by prolonging the menace she has taught us our lesson.

Forces Stand in United Array. "Germany attacks us now at an hour when all our material and moral forces stand in united array againt her. The war upon us is a war of piracy. France, too, with magnificent union, hurls itself to the fray as a single

The lobby of the chamber of depu ties was crowded today with members, many in uniform, and lal eagerly dis-cussing the crisis. All agreed, without distinction of party, to vote without discussion the measures which the government will ask for the defense of the country in face of the aggressive attitude of Germany which is now clearly manifested.

All the museums and galleries in Paris have been closed, the various staffs having gone to the war.

Special Trains Transport Foodstuffs. All possible measures have been tak-en to ensure that Paris will not lack for food. Special trains have been re-served for the transport of foodstuffs, particularly milk. In the event of the home supply becoming inadequate, a decree suspending the prohibition of the importation of foreign fresh meat will appear in the Official Gazette tomorrow, thus assuring large supplies from Argentina and other parts of the

world in the near future.
Severe regulations will be rigorously applied against persons attempting to profit in the present state of affairs by increasing the price of the necessi-

Priests to Act as Chaplains, Although the church has no official with the forces have been granted and they have received permission to leave at once. They are to be attached to the medical corps. In addition, the pope has given special authorization to young priests serving as soldiers to administer all the sacraments. One of the vicars general of the archbishopric of Paris, who returned

archoisnoppic of Paris, who returned from Alsace by the last train getting through, said:

"The people of Alsace-Lorraine are calm. Notwithstanding the burden of anxiety weighing on all hearts, an im-mense hope upholds and comforts them. I was in Alsace in 1770 I are them. I was in Alsace in 1870. I saw the preparations for war then, and pared to that of the fatal year."

100,000 GERMAN TROOPS Engagements Reported in Which Ger-

mans Are Said to Have Lost. Arion, August 2—According to advices received here 100,009 Corman troops are crossing the Grand Duchy of Luxemberg and concentrating on More than 25,992 men are engaged in digging trenches in front of the Ged-

man and French positions.

The stragetical line from Malmedy, in Rhenish Prussia, to Liege is guarded by military in both the German and Relying sides.

FRENCHMEN IN NEW ORLEANS CALLED TO THE COLORS.

Also Asked to Report at Onca. New Orleans, La., Acg 2-A call to the colors affecting a'l Frenchmen in New Orleans subject to military ser-

New Orleans subject to military service of France was issued here today by Consul General Ferrand. The French representative today received a copy of the decree mobilizing the French forces.

German Consul Rob also German Consul Roh also announced that all Germans in this territory subject to military service should report to him at once.

Governor Fielder reviewed the second and fourth New Jersey regiments about 400 persons at the second "Govaror to him at once."

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Scene of Enthusiasm at Buckingham

outside Buckingham palace tonight A crowd of five or six thousand gathered before the palace and sang the national anthem and calls for King Georfie, who with Queen Mary appear-ed on a balcony and bowed in response to cheers given for him and for France.

New Haven's Mayor Safe in London. New Haven, Conn., Aug. 2.—Word was received here by cable today from Mayor Frank J. Rice that he is safe in London. The mayor has been in Europe several weeks studying municipal problems. It was thought he was in the war zone, until definite news reached here.

thusiastic meeting of the Polis Falcon alliance of America was held tonight at which nonety volunteered to go back to Poland. A call for volunteers will be issued to the 900 members in the state. It is said that the members hope to be able to free Poland during the disturbance, that being one of the objects of the speciety.

Condensed Telegrams

The Grand Trunk Pacific pier at Seattle, Wash., was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$500,000.

The threat to call a strike of 18,000 workers of the Lackawanna Coal Co., Hugh R. Erdmann, a Lutheran min-ister of Johnstown, Pa., dropped dead in the street in London.

Henry Spencer, murdere- of Mrs. Midired A. Rexroat, was hanged in the prison at Wheaton, Ill.

Several American naval officers on eave in Switzerland were recalled on

chemist died in Boston after a blness. He was 82 years old. Captain William F. Randolph, aide

o General 'Stonewall' Jackson, it Warrenton, Va, aged Si years.

The tablet recently placed in the Washington monument by the State of Colorado will be dedicated today. The Secretary of State was late in getting his warn news because he was

he panic caused by the blowing out of fuse on a street car at Newark, N.

on a sandbar in the Rappahnock

The twnety-first international peace conference, scheduled to be held in Vienta in September has been called

The Grand Army of the Republic will be invited to hold its annual en-campment at Washington next sum-Herbert C. Hockin, convicted in the dynamite conspiracy cases, is serious-ly ill i nthe prison hospital at Legy-

Photographs from a reflector at Lick Observatory give indications of the existence of a satelite of Jupiter, bitherto unrecognized.

The will of Charles Hopkins who died in Brooklyn in 1895, has just been mled for probate by Dennis Cashin of New York, afte

completing 41 years as an engine driver on the New York Central, was retired on a pension.

Dowager Empress Maria Feedorow-na, of Russia, who is in London, has decided to return direct to Russia cancelling her visit to Denmark.

Bendetto Randazzo of New York, 32 years old, convicted of kidnapping, was sentenced to serve not less than Commodors Alfred Brown, of the American Life Saving Society, sailed for England on the steamer St. Louis

Four persons were instantly killed one mile south of Renfrew, Pa., on the Lake Erie Railroad, when an automobile was struck by a pasenger

One person was fatally burned and five others seriously when a fire be-lieved to be incendiary, destroyed a lodging house on Third Avenue, New

The forest fire, which has been rag-ing four days near Sisson, Cal., has crossed the McCloud river and s now threatening the town of Weed with

William Burt, engineer, and Peter Margesson, fireman, both of Hornell, N. Y., were killed when the boiler of their freight engine exploded near

The German Emperor's yacht Mete-or, Frau Krup von Bohlen's yacht Germania and another German yacht, Isobel, have been withdrawn from the Cowes regatta.

Steamer captains arriving at Mobile, Ala., reported that lighthouse keepers along the Mexican coast are starving. It is said suppl yships have not visited the stations for many months. Thomas Dawson of London was sen

tenced to one year's imprisonment for swindling Dr. W. L. Gray, an Ameri-can, out of \$1,000 by pretending that a \$1,000,000 legocy awaited him. Crockett Williams, a negro was taken from the jail at Eufala, Okla., and lynched by a mob which overpowered

the guards. The negro is said to have confesed that he killed Johnson King, AMERICAN TOURISTS IN

Many Leave Their Baggage Behind.

Antwerp, August 2 — American tourists here who are endeavoring to return home are in a panic. The steamer Kroonland sailed today with a full complement of passengers many of whom left their baggage behind rather than remain in Europe. .. business is completely paralyzed. The authorities are seriously consider. Mentenegrin Army to Mebilize.

Cettinje, August 2—King Nichelas has signed a decree for the mebilization of the Mentenegrin army.

Dusiness is completely paralyzed. The authorities are seriously considering the adoption of an emergency act to stop specific payments for a time. It is feared that not enough money will be available if the run on the sants continues.

Washington Officials Keep Wires and Cables Busy to Care for Citizens in War Zone

Attitude of Government is One of Careful Abstinence From

government throughout the day. Wires and Cables Busy.

The White House office, the state and treasury departments—usually de-serted on Sunday—presented scenes of unworted activity. Wires and cables were kept busy with messages and orders to care for Americans abroad and to take necessary precautions for stabilizing financial conditions in the

Conferred With Bankers. President Wilson sent Secretary McAdoo to New York to be directly accessible to bankers, large and small The secretary conferred with several big bankers here about shipping gold to Europe, called together members of the federal reserve board already confirmed, as well as Paul M. Warburg whose nomination is pending and sed foreign exchange.

Situation Increasingly Grave, Diplomatic officers of the govern-ment revealed by their dispatches that conditions throughout Europe were becoming increasingly grave. Word came that England was mobilizing came that England was mobilizing her army and navy along the North Sea, threatening Germany. Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin, formally notified the state department that Germany had declared war on Russia. Officials messages did not mention hostilities between Germany and France. Further indications of Italy's desire to remain neutral were conveydesire to remain neutral were convey-

ed to the American government United States Requested to Charge. As Russia, Austria and Germany, the

countries already in a state of war. had asked the United States to care for their diplomatic interests, the American embassies at St. Petersburg Berlin and Vienna today were en-trusted with new duties. England and France have inquired if the United States would take charge of their in-terests in Europe if the United States would take vharge of their interests in Europe, "In case of emergency" and this request likewise so has been favorably acter upon. It is regarded as certain that the American embass-sis, Legations and consulates wil thus have means of a communication all the countries in conflict Nothing of a definite character came came to the Washington about the situation in the Far East though it is giving officials no little concern. The probability of a conflict between eastern German and Russian warship

was discussed by naval officials. With the departure of the German from the allied forces at Peking complications in China have beentempor-arily removed. Officials here are de-termined that neutrality shall be strictly observed in American ports in the Philippines.

Will Not Attempt to Mediate.

So far as can be learned the United States will not make any attempt to mediate in the European tangle. The futility of England's mediation proposals having already been demon-strated. Wilson is disposed to make no move in diplomacy at least until the situation develops more clearly.

No Expresson on Merits of Issue. While administrations officials de plore the general conflict in Europe no expression of its merits came from anyone in the merits of the issues. The attitude of the government so far is clearly one of careful abstinence

from taking any part direct or indrect in the European mix-up.

The president earnestly hopes that
after all the great powers may not engage in general hostilities, that the
measures thus for taken may prove
the true alliance of the various nations are revealed, an effort toward
peace through a conference of powers
may be made.

may be made. UNITED STATES TO HELP STRANDED AMERICANS

Orders Sent to All Consulates, Legations and Embassies to Obtain Money

war.

Besides forwarding hundreds of telegrams of Americans through diplomatic channels, orders were sent by the state department to all consulates, legations and embassies to use every influence at their disposal to obtain money for citizens of the United States.

States.
To Use Embassy Checks. an american diplomatic officers were instructed to exchange letters of credit or travelers' cheques for "embassy checks" or certificates. These are is-sued by the authority of the United

sued by the authority of the United States government and Secretary Bryan said tonight he was confident "embassy checks" would be honored by railroads, steamship companies and hotels abroad. Relatives and friends of Americans in Europe can deposit funds with the state department in Washington and an equivalent sum will be advanced in an embassy check abroad. Americans devoid of funds will be given loans, just as was the case in Mexico, and an emergency appropriation will be asked for to care for any deficiencies in this connection.

Secretary Bryan expressed the view that there were enough ships running to care for Americans who desired to leave, but said that if any emergency arose everything necessary would be and the difficulties and inconvaniance done by the American government toof getting here.

WILL MAKE NO ATTEMP TO MEDIATE IN TANGLE

Taking Any Part in the European Mixup-Secretary McAdoo Sent to New York, to be Directly Accessible to Bankers-Diplomatic Officers Regard Conditions Throughout Europe as Becoming Increasingly Grave.

Washington, August 2—Although the United States is but a neutral observer in the European war the manifold interests of America in Europe commanded the incessant attention of Europe of the United States. Wilson Gives Personal Attention President Wilson gave his personal attention to the problem of alding citizens of the United States. While the state department was asking its repre-sentatives abroad to determine the

sentatives abroad to determine the most practicable way of giving financial assistance, the administration let it be known that if necessary large quantities of gold would be shipped to American embassies to cash checks for Americans. It is not, however, thought that such a contingency will arise. Mr. Bryan suggested that if American embassies run short of funds with which to cash travelers' checks or letters of credit, the American government would have no difficulty in getting currency direct from the foreign governments.

To Ask Aid of Steamship Compa

The government has undertaken to persuade big steamship companies to have their agents in the United States accept checks or money for passage sent by friends here or to have them honor "embassy checks" abroad for steamship passage from European

Americans living abroad permanently who are paid by monthly remittances from firms or corporations in
the United States may be able to get
money direct from the American consulates, as arrangements are under
way to have American companies pay
their European employees their European employes through state department. Americans Have Flocked to England

State department advices showed that thousands of the Americans in Europe had flocked to England. Telegrams by the score poured in on the department from relatives and friends throughout the United States Inquiring for Americans in Europe. Such throughout the United States inquiring for Americans in Burope. Such
telegrams were forwarded to the Buropean embassies and consulates.
The most immediate concern of
many of the Americans in Europe is
to obtain funds for enstenance,

RUPTURE BETWEEN RUSSIA AND GERMANY stances-Ultimatum Repeated Three

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—The repture of diplomatic relations between Russia and Germany took place under dramatic circumstances. It was midnight Friday when Count Von Pourtales, the German ambassador to Russia, visited Foreign Minister Saranoff and asked for an urgent interview. As soon as he was received he formally called on Russia to cease her mobilization in twelve bours. The allotted period of time passed without an answer.

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At 7 o'clock Saturday evening Count
Von Peurtales again called upon M.
Sazanoff and again asked if Russia
would cease mobilizing her forces. Russia Ignores Germany's Demand To this the Russian statesman re-plied: "In so much as the Russian government has not answered within the time you specified, it follows that Russia has declined to agree with your demand."

Ultimatum Repeated Three Times. Three times Count Von Pourtales repeated the German ultimatum, and each time the Russian foreign minis-

each time the Russian foreign minister met his statement with the same firm negative. Finally Count Von Pourtales rose from his chair bowed to the foreign minister and left the room without another word. He and the members of his staff at once departed from St. Petersburg by way of Finland.

According to the Novee Vremya Count Von Pourtales held in his hand the typewritten texts of two replies from Germany. One was for presentation in the event of Russian acceptance of the German ultimatum and the other in case of its reection. In his great agitation the German ambassador presented both replies to M. Sazoneff at the same time.

The protection of Russians in countries at war with Russia has been entrusted to Spain.

entrusted to Spain, SIGNS OF MILITARY PREPARATIONS IN HOLLAND Troops Are Being Lodged in the Pub-

for Citizens New in Europe.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The United States government today extended a helping hand to the thousands of Americans who are stranded abroad without means of cashing the checks or letters of credit owing to the financial stringency produced by European war.

Amsterdam, Aug. 2.—That Holland is in the midst of war is very evident here. On all sides there are signs of military preparations. The mobilization order by Queen Wilhelmina was so readily answered that the operation was soon completed. The peaceful streets of the sleepy Dutch cities present an unwonted aspect. Troops are constantly moving

buildings, The mobilization decree caused The modification decree caused a panic among the poorer classes and there was a frantic run on savings banks; crowds besieged the shops for food supplies, and the excitement increased when the post offices, railways and commercial houses refused to and commercial houses refused to give coin for notes.

Business has been seriously hampered by the withdrawal of employes to join their regiments and all public services are almost at a standstill.

Today is the birthday of the queen mother, but all celebrations were countermanded.